

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. An aqueous composition of matter, comprising citrate buffer, ethylene glycol,
5 sodium metabisulfite and sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS).

2. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is buffered from
approximately pH 4 to approximately pH 9.

3. A composition according to claim 1, wherein composition is buffered at
approximately pH 6.

10 4. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises less than
or equal to approximately 100 mM citrate buffer.

5. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises
approximately 10 mM citrate buffer.

15 6. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises less than
or equal to approximately 10% ethylene glycol.

7. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises
approximately 5% ethylene glycol.

8. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises less than
or equal to approximately 10 mM sodium metabisulfite.

20 9. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises 1 mM
sodium metabisulfite.

10. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises less than
or equal to approximately 10% SDS.

25 11. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises
approximately 0.3% SDS.

12. A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises approximately 10 mM citrate buffer at approximately pH 6, approximately 5% ethylene glycol, approximately 1 mM sodium metabisulfite and approximately 0.3% SDS.

13. An aqueous composition of matter comprising a buffer, a glycol, sodium metabisulfite and sodium dodecyl sulfate.

14. A composition according to claim 13, wherein the buffer is a citrate buffer.

15. A composition according to claim 14, wherein the buffer is at approximately pH 6.

16. A composition according to claim 13, wherein the glycol is ethylene glycol.

17. A composition according to claim 13, wherein the concentration of the buffer is less than or equal to approximately 100 mM, the concentration of the glycol is less than or equal to approximately 10%, the concentration of the sodium metabisulfite is less than or equal to approximately 10 mM and the concentration of the SDS is less than or equal to approximately 10%.

18. A composition according to claim 17, wherein the buffer is citrate at a concentration of approximately 10 mM and the pH of the composition is approximately 6.

19. A composition according to claim 18, wherein the glycol is ethylene glycol and the concentration of ethylene glycol is approximately 5%, wherein the concentration of sodium metabisulfite is approximately 1 mM and wherein the concentration of SDS is approximately 0.3%.

20. An aqueous composition of matter comprising approximately 10 mM citrate buffer at approximately pH 6, approximately 5% ethylene glycol, approximately 1 mM sodium metabisulfite and approximately 0.3% SDS.